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The Water Management Department was recognized this week with the **Governor's Commendation for Exceptional Service** during the historic rainfall of May 1-2 and unprecedented flooding that followed in West and Middle Tennessee. Franklin was recognized for our dedication and exceptional public service in ensuring Tennessee citizens and communities continued to receive clean, safe drinking water during the 2010 flood. Water Management Director Mark Hilty accepted the commendation at a flood summit with state officials and water representatives from across Tennessee.

The City of Franklin has once again received the **Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)**. This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. There are 24 cities and 8 counties in TN that received this award for the most recently reported fiscal year(FY2008). The award for FY09 is **Franklin's 19th consecutive award**. Great work by our **Finance Department** for leading the way in achieving this prestigious award.

Chris Stefic from the Engineering Department recently completed his International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) Level 2 Traffic Signal Technician IMSA is the oldest such organization in the country. It was started in 1896 and had Thomas A. Edison (inventor of the light bulb) as a member in 1901. Chris attended a 2-day training seminar in June 8-10 for this certification. He obtained his Level 1 certification from IMSA in 2003 and to get his Level 2 he had to be in the trade an additional 5 years. Great job, Chris!

Officer Rose Steagall of the **Franklin Police Department** will appear on Spanish radio station La Ley Monday morning with Norma Berrones from courts translating. Steagall will discuss bicycle safety and keeping kids and bike riders safe through the summer months.

Our **social media fans** are growing each day. We have **1,893 friends on Facebook**, **606 followers on our Twitter City page**, **185 on Twitter police site**, **262 on the police Nixel site**, **257 on the fire Nixel site**, **319 on Twitter fire site** and **335 on the Franklin Traffic Twitter**. We've also had **2,484 upload views of our videos on YouTube**. Sign up today to be a fan or follower on our sites and tell your friends and family! The links are on our Website.

This weekend is the **19th annual Bluegrass along the Harpeth Fiddlers Jamboree**. The event begins tonight 7:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. It is a

music festival featuring competition in various categories of instruments. There will also be dance exhibitions during this event. Arts and crafts as well as food vendors will be set up around the City Square. For more information go to

<http://www.bluegrassalongtheharpeth.com/>

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